

REFLECTIONS upon the foregoing History, taken from Robertson's Scripture Characters.

1. **T**HAT many of God's dearest children may be the greatest sufferers. Neither is outward prosperity any mark of the Lord's favour, nor are the severest trials any token of his displeasure. We have beheld Joseph, a pious, amiable youth, of irreproachable manners, hated by his brethren, through their cruelty banished from his father's house, sold as a slave in a foreign land, dismissed from his master's service without grace, loaded with chains as a vile malefactor, not restored to his liberty, till thirteen years had elapsed, from the time that he left his native country. In such a situation, who would not have concluded, "The Lord hath forsaken or forgotten me?" Unbelief would have suggested to us, "We have cleansed my heart in vain." But it has appeared, that Joseph was constant and peculiar can him singular proofs of his these very afflictive disposed for future greatness, exaltation brought about this was an uncommon the usual method of the remember it is written, much tribulation entered God," and that "our (as it may seem) moment, and worketh for and eternal weight of glory.

2. That the judgment ordered in wisdom, and a evil, and good," are yet We see but very little of